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SUBJECT: FINNISH METALWORKERS VISIT

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1. TUULIKKI KANNISTO TRIP TO US IS AT LAST ON THE TRACKS.

2. SHE WILL LEAVE HELSINKI APRIL 22, ACCOMPANIED BY HUSBAND JUKKA SAKARI KANNISTO. RESERVATIONS MADE ON FINNAIR LEAVING HELSINKI 1150 ARRIVING KENNEDY 1705. KANNISTOS TRANSFER TO LA GUARDIA BY HELICOPTER AND TAKE FLIGHT TO DETROIT LEAVING 1930 AND ARRIVING 2109. FROM DETROIT THEY FLY NC 961 ARRIVING PELLSTON MICHIGAN 0054 APRIL 23.

3. KANNISTO RECEIVED TELEX FROM IAM'S BEN SHARMAN TODAY STATING ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR TRIP COVERING BLACK LAKE MICHIGAN, PITTSBURG, ITHACA, NEW YORK CITY, BLOOMINGTON, AND WASHINGTON DC. UAW WILL MEET KANNISTOS AT PELLSTON TO TAKE THEM TO BLACK LAKE.

4. ASSUME SHARMAN HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT BUT IF NOT EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT EXTENDING WHATEVER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE NECESSARY.

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5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: TUULIKKI MARJATTA (HARO)

KANNISTO WAS BORN FEBRUARY 14, 1941. SHE WAS MARRIED IN 1966 AND HAS A SIX-YEAR-OLD SON. SHE IS FROM THE CENTRAL FINLAND TOWN OF JYVAAKYLA AND WAS ACTIVE IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION. SHE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1959 AND WORKED FOR A WHILE AS A SWEEPER IN VALMET TRACTOR FACTORY. WITH SPLIT IN LATE 1950'S IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) KANNISTO WENT WITH RADICAL FACTION, WHICH FORMED ITSELF INTO WORKERS AND SMALL FARMERS DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE (TPSL) AND TOOK OVER SDP WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION COMPLETELY. KANNISTO CONTINUED EDUCATION WITH THREE MONTH LANGUAGE COURSE IN ENGLAND IN 1960 AND AT TAMPERE UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE MAJORED IN ADULT EDUCATION. SHE JOINED CENTRAL FEDERATION OF FINNISH TRADES UNIONS (SAK) IN 1965 AND WORKED MOSTLY WITH YOUTH AND WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND WITH EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS. SHE ALSO TAUGHT FOR A WHILE AT POHJOLAN OPISTO, ONE OF SAK'S TWO TRAINING INSTITUTES. SINCE 1970 KANNISTO HAS BEEN WITH FINNISH METALWORKERS UNION AS WOMEN'S SECRETARY. IN PRACTICE SHE ALSO IS PRINCIPAL SOCIAL DEMOCRAT IN UNION RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING SINCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING DIVISION OF 140,000 MEMBER METALWORKERS UNION IS HEADED BY COMMUNIST.

5. KANNISTO IS QUIET, SOFT-SPOKEN, AND A GOOD LISTENER. SHE HAS DEFINITE OPINIONS OF HER OWN HOWEVER, AND IS NOT AFRAID TO DEFEND THEM. SHE IS A STRONG SOCIAL DEMOCRAT AND TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE DAILY STRUGGLE WITH THE COMMUNISTS WHO COMPRISE NEARLY 40 PERCENT OF THE UNION'S MEMBERSHIP. ONE OF HER PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE, AND REASON FOR HER CURRENT TRIP, WILL BE SETTING UP THE METALWORKERS OWN TRAINING CENTER, ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN THIS SUMMER AT A SITE NORTH OF TAMPERE.

6. JUKKA KANNISTO IS ALSO A UNION OFFICIAL. HE WAS BORN IN LOIMAA ON OCTOBER 10, 1940. HIS PRESENT JOB IS INFORMATION CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNION (VTL). HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH AND WILL RELY ON HIS WIFE FOR TRANSLATION. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED

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TO MEET WITH AFGE OR AFSCME LEADERS WHEN TIME PERMITS.  
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